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Toledo water system customers advised to boil drinking water

OLYMPIA — Customers of the City of Toledo in Lewis County are advised to boil their tap water following a water line break this morning.

City crews shut down part of the water system around 10:30 a.m. in order to find the leak and begin repairs. Once service is restored, customers should boil their tap water until they're notified that it's safe to drink. Loss of water pressure increases the risk that contaminated water may be drawn-in to the system.

This advisory affects nearly 400 homes and businesses served by the city water system. The Lewis County Health Department is working with food establishments, the local medical clinic, and early-learning centers. Toledo Elementary, Toledo Middle School, and Toledo Alternative Options School are closed until the advisory ends. The advisory doesn't affect the local high school. The Toledo School District will notify parents if the closures continue.

The boil water advisory notice includes several steps customers can take as a precaution. Boiled or purchased bottled water should be used for drinking, brushing teeth, dishwashing, preparing food, and making ice. Tap water should be boiled for one minute and allowed to cool before use.

After the water line break is repaired, the city will elevate chlorine levels and collect coliform samples. The boil water advisory will remain in effect until the state Department of Health determines the water meets safe drinking water standards.

Contact the City of Toledo at 360-864-4564 for more information.

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